

**Memorandum on Determinations
Under Section 1106(a) of the
Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness
Act of 1988—Ukraine**

March 28, 2008

Presidential Determination No. 2008–17

*Memorandum for the United States Trade
Representative*

Subject: Determinations under Section
1106(a) of the Omnibus Trade and
Competitiveness Act of 1988—Ukraine

Pursuant to section 1106(a) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 2905(a)) (the “Act”), I determine that state trading enterprises account for a significant share of Ukraine’s exports and goods that compete with imports into Ukraine. I further determine that such state trading enterprises unduly burden and restrict, or adversely affect, the foreign trade of the United States or the United States economy, or are likely to result in such burden, restriction, or effect.

Ukraine is seeking to become a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The terms and conditions for Ukraine’s accession to the WTO include Ukraine’s commitments that it will ensure that all state trading enterprises will make purchases of goods and services that are not intended for governmental use, and sales in international trade in accordance with commercial considerations (including price, quality, availability, marketability, and transportation) and that U.S. firms will have an adequate opportunity, in conformity with customary practice, to compete for such purchases or sales.

The obligations that Ukraine will assume under the WTO Agreement, including Ukraine’s protocol of accession, meet the requirements of section 1106(b)(2)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 2905(b)(2)(A)), and thus my determinations under section 1106(a) do not require invocation of the nonapplication provisions of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the WTO with regard to Ukraine.

You are directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This memorandum will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 1.

**Memorandum on Assignment of
Functions Under Section 1821(c) of
the Implementing
Recommendations of the 9/11
Commission Act of 2007**

March 28, 2008

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Assignment of Functions Under
Section 1821(c) of the Implementing
Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission
Act of 2007

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the functions of the President under section 1821(c) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53).

In the performance of your responsibility under this memorandum, you shall, as appropriate, consult the heads of other departments and agencies.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 22

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

March 23

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., who updated him on the discussions between JPMorgan, Bear Stearns Companies, Inc., and the Federal Reserve.

March 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he participated in a National Security Council meeting, where he was briefed by U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker and Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq, via secure video teleconference.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Minister of External Affairs Pranab Mukherjee of India.

March 25

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gillani of Pakistan to congratulate him on his recent nomination and discuss Pakistan-U.S. relations and the war on terror. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had a working lunch with King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain. Later, he traveled to McLean, VA, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception. He then returned to Washington, DC.

March 26

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he participated in Defense Department briefings.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Sterling, VA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supple-

ment State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on March 18 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kameran L. Onley to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Water and Science).

The President announced his intention to nominate A. Ellen Terpstra to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to designate William E. Kovacic as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

March 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to express his condolences for the accidental death of a citizen who was killed in the Suez Canal by U.S. naval gunfire. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to Dayton, OH.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Bellbrook, OH.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended an Ohio Victory 2008 reception. Later, he returned to Dayton, OH, where, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he met with families of military personnel killed in the war on terror.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Lydia Humenicky. He then traveled to Sewickley, PA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Pennsylvania Victory reception.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with the History Channel for the documentary "Air Force One: Behind the Scenes."

March 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Wrightstown, NJ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Andrell

Reid. Later, he traveled to Freehold, NJ, where, at Novadebt, he participated in a roundtable on the HOPE NOW Alliance. He then toured Novadebt.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom and his wife, Sarah, to the White House on April 17.

The President announced his intention to nominate Luis Aguilar and Elisse B. Walter to be Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marie L. Yovanovitch to be Ambassador to Armenia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Christopher A. Padilla as a member of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

The President announced his intention to appoint Alexa E. Posny as a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Stephanie Johnson Monroe as Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs at the Department of Education.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 24

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2733

Released March 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released March 26

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the President's trip to the NATO summit

Statement by the Press Secretary on a call by the President to President Hu Jintao of China

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Arkansas

Excerpts of the President's interview with foreign print journalists

Released March 27

Transcript of a press gaggle by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

Fact sheet: Achieving Political and Economic Progress in Iraq

Released March 28

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Brown and Mrs. Brown of the United Kingdom

Fact sheet: Taking Sensible, Decisive Action To Help Homeowners

Acts Approved by the President

Approved March 24

S. 2733 / Public Law 110-198
Higher Education Extension Act of 2008